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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 28, 2004, Applicant hereby submits an amendment to the specification compliant with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. As this compliant Preliminary Amendment is filed on November 8, 2004, it is well within the one month period for reply set in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

In this paper, the amendment to the specification begins on page 2. The Remarks begin on page 7.

No fee is believed due with this paper. However, if any fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee(s) to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013 (order no. 101962-999076). A copy of this sheet is enclosed for such purpose.